

ceived July 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10320. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-398, "Whistleblower Reinforcement Act of 1998" received July 21, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

10321. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado: Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-948-1 IFR] received July 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10322. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-931-1 IFR] received July 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10323. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Under the Federal Lands Program; State-Federal Cooperative Agreements; Montana [30 CFR Part 926] received July 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10324. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Premerger Notification; Reporting and Waiting Period Requirements [16 CFR Part 802] received June 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

10325. A letter from the General Counsel, National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting the annual audit report of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, Calendar Year 1997, pursuant to Public Law 88-449, section 10(b) (78 Stat. 498); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

10326. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to extend the United States Department of Agriculture Personnel Management Demonstration Project; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Agriculture.

10327. A letter from the Administrators of Federal Aviation Administration and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a joint report to Congress on the progress being made under the Subsonic Noise Reduction Technology Program, Fiscal Year 1997, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1353 nt.; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Science.

10328. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and for other purposes; jointly to the Committees on International Relations, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, and Government Reform and Oversight.

#### ¶75.6 USE OF CAPITOL ROTUNDA FOR SLAIN CAPITOL POLICE OFFICERS

On motion of Mr. DELAY, by unanimous consent, the Committee on House Oversight was discharged from further consideration of the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 310):

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*

#### SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING USE OF ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DETECTIVE JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

The rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used for a memorial service and proceedings related thereto for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police on Tuesday, July 28, 1998, under the direction of the United States Capitol Police Board.

#### SEC. 2. PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE IN CAPITOL IN MEMORY OF DETECTIVE GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHESTNUT.

The Architect of the Capitol shall place a plaque in honor of the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police at an appropriate site in the United States Capitol, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

#### SEC. 3. PAYMENT OF FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make such arrangements as may be necessary for funeral services for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police, including payments for travel expenses of immediate family members, and for the attendance of Members of the House of Representatives at such services, including payments for expenses incurred by Members in attending such services.

(b) SOURCE AND MANNER OF MAKING PAYMENTS.—Any payment made under subsection (a) shall be made from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, using vouchers approved in a manner directed by the Committee on House Oversight.

#### SEC. 4. PAYMENT OF SURVIVOR'S GRATUITY TO WIDOWS OF JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the first sentence of the last undesignated paragraph under the center heading "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES" in the first section of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1955 (2 U.S.C. 125), the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to pay, from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives—

(1) a gratuity to the widow of Detective John Michael Gibson of the United States Capitol Police in the amount of \$51,866.00; and

(2) a gratuity to the widow of Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police in the amount of \$47,280.00.

(b) TREATMENT AS GIFT.—Each gratuity paid under subsection (a) shall be held to have been a gift.

#### SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITOL POLICE MEMORIAL FUND.

It is the sense of Congress that there should be established under law a United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund for the surviving spouse and children of members of the United States Capitol Police who are slain in the line of duty.

When said concurrent resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said concurrent resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered.* That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

¶75.7 RECESS—12:25 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 12 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m. until approximately 5 o'clock p.m.

¶75.8 AFTER RECESS—5:02 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. ARMEY, called the House to order.

#### ¶75.9 HONORING DETECTIVE GIBSON AND OFFICER CHESTNUT OF THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

On motion of Mr. GINGRICH, by unanimous consent, the House considered the following concurrent resolution (H.Con. Res. 311):

Whereas the Capitol is the people's house, and, as such, it has always been and will remain open to the public;

Whereas millions of people visit the Capitol each year to observe and study the workings of the democratic process;

Whereas the Capitol is the most recognizable symbol of liberty and democracy throughout the world and those who guard the Capitol guard our freedom;

Whereas Private First Class Jacob "J.J." Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson sacrificed their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress;

Whereas if not for the quick and courageous action of those officers, many innocent people would likely have been injured or killed;

Whereas through their selfless acts, Detective Gibson and Private First Class Chestnut underscored the courage, honor, and dedication shown daily by every member of the United States Capitol Police and every law enforcement officer;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut, a Vietnam veteran who spent 20 years in the Air Force, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Wen Ling and had five children, Joseph, Janece, Janet, Karen and William;

Whereas Detective Gibson, assigned as Rep. Tom DeLay's bodyguard for the last three years, was an 18-year veteran of the Capitol Police, and was married to Evelyn and had three children, Kristen, John and Daniel;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut and Detective Gibson were the first United States Capitol Police officers ever killed in the line of duty;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut and Detective Gibson, and all those who helped apprehend the gunman, assist the injured, and evacuate the building, are true heroes of democracy, and every American owes them a deep debt of gratitude: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That—*

(1) Congress hereby honors the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police for the selfless acts of heroism they displayed on July 24, 1998, in sacrificing their lives in the line of duty so that others might live; and

(2) when the House of Representatives adjourns on this date and when the Senate adjourns or recesses on this date, they shall do so out of respect to the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut.

Pending consideration of said concurrent resolution,